GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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EVE-TEASING AND MANHANDLING WITH WOMEN IN PASSENGER TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of eve-teasing and manhandling with women in the passenger trains have been on rise particularly in the recent past in the national capital region;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of cases reported in this regard during the current year;

(c) the details of action taken by the Railways in this regard;

(d) whether the Railways are contemplating to ply 'special trains' for the daily women passengers;

(e) if so, whether the Railways have received any proposal in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. There is a slight increase in the cases of eve-teasing and manhandling with women passengers in trains over Indian Railways. But there is no rise in the cases of eve-teasing and manhandling with women passengers in trains in the National Capital Region.

(b): In the current year, 57 cases of eve-teasing and manhandling with women passengers have been registered over Indian Railways and 21 cases have been registered in the National Capital Region under the provisions of Indian Penal Code during 2007 (upto September).

(c): Railway Protection Force is escorting about 1400 trains daily on an average to provide better security to the travelling passengers including the women passengers. During the current year (upto September) Railway Protection Force has detected 17 cases of offences against women passengers and arrested 11 offenders who were forwarded to the concerned Government Railway Police for further legal action. During the same period, the Railway Protection Force has also apprehended 42,249 male persons who were travelling in the ladies compartment and prosecuted them under section 162 of the Railways Act.

(d): No, Sir.

(e)&(f): A representation from Shri Deependera Singh Hudda, Member of Parliament was received. Introduction of Special Train for daily women passengers is not feasible at present.